

Administrative Unit



Castle Rocks and City of Rocks visitor center provides orientation, picnic area and water.



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Smoky Mountain Unit

Smoky Mountain Campground offers 38 sites. Each campsite is equipped with 30 amp electrical service, water service (in season), partial shade, picnic tables, vehicle pads, and is pet friendly. Sites 1-31 are general campsites, sites 11 and 24 are designated ADA accessible, sites 33-38 are designated for equestrian campers, and sites 36 and 37 are designated to accommodate a small group and share a picnic table and fire ring. The camp host is located at Site 32. Smoky Mountain also features an RV dump station. Recycling stations are located near the shower house and Site 31. Wi-Fi is also available throughout the campground.



Castle Rocks State Park offers two yurts (Pinyon and Sage) for rent in Smoky Mountain Campground. Experience a modern adaptation of the ancient shelter used for centuries by Central Asian nomads. Guests will find a spacious 18-foot diameter living area that accommodates up to six occupants. The yurts are equipped with electricity, including a fan, light, wood burning stove and receptacles. Water is located at an outside spigot, and guests are welcome to use the campground showers and flush toilets (in season) a few hundred feet away. A fire ring and picnic table are also provided outside the yurt. Best of all, Wi-Fi is available, so you never have to be out of touch.



DIRECTIONS: From I-84 East, take Exit 216 to Declo. Continue south on highway 77 to Connor Creek Junction, then turn right (west). Two miles north of Almo, turn right (west) onto 2800 South for 1.4 miles to park entrance. **From I-84 west**, take Exit 245 to Malta. Turn left (south) onto highway 81 for 0.2 miles to highway 77, then turn right (west). At Connor Creek junction, follow directions above toward Almo.

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Day Use Vehicle Entrance Fee \$5.00

Annual Idaho State Park and VIP passes are honored.

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Castle Rocks, nestled in Big Cove at the base of 10,339-foot Cache Peak, offers diverse recreational opportunities in a magnificent geologic setting. It is a place where solitude, natural beauty, and ranching heritage blend to enrich the visitor experience.

The granite spires and monoliths of Castle Rocks and nearby City of Rocks are the northern crown jewels of the Basin and Range province. The park is located two miles northwest of the village of Almo in southern Cassia County, Idaho.

Until 1999, the 1,240-acre ranch was privately owned. The Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000 authorized the National Park Service to purchase and trade the land to the State of Idaho for lands within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. The Conservation Fund and The Access Fund assisted with the purchase of the property to be placed in public ownership. In 2007, the state added another 200 acres to the park and also purchased a 120 acre conservation easement to provide recreation access.

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<http://parksand recreation.idaho.gov/parks/castlerocks.aspx>

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Castle Rock Ranch Unit

The Lodge at Castle Rock Ranch

“The Lodge” is a century-old ranch house remodeled to blend the quaintness of yester-year with the convenience and comfort of today. The Lodge is available year-round, and reservations are recommended.



Lodge Area Activities

- Climbing and bouldering
- Climbing Experience Program
- Exceptional birding
- Hiking along 30 miles of trails
- California Trail tour
- Wildflower watching
- Spectacular photography
- Weekend interpretive programs
- Snowshoe/cross-country skiing
- Relax and enjoy the views
- Stargazing the Castle’s dark sky
- Visit the Almo Creek Wetland
- See pre-historic pictographs
- Retrace the California Trail through historic City of Rocks
- Soak in a hot springs
- Enjoy local dining



Photography fits well with every activity at Castle Rocks, so don't forget the camera. From impressive scenic landscapes to “portraits” of wildflowers, wildlife, and rock climbers, you can create award-winning photographs.

Horseback riding and mountain biking are popular activities on roads and designated trails throughout the area.



Wildlife is abundant. Black-tailed jackrabbit, Paiute ground squirrel, and wintering herds of mule deer are plentiful in the thick sagebrush steppe. Rarely seen mountain lion, elk, moose and bobcat occur in the park and in the adjacent Albion mountains.

Wildflowers are plentiful April through August. The meadows come alive with Rocky Mountain Iris in late May. Enjoy Shooting Star, Buttercup Checkermallow or the hard to find Bog Orchid.

Winter activities abound. The park’s landscape provides many opportunities for snowshoe enthusiasts. Bring your own, or rent from the park. Wildlife watching and photography are highlights of the season. Yurts are available for rent year-round at Smoky Mountain Campground.

Climbing is the most popular activity at Castle Rocks. Traditional climbing, or “clean climbing” for all ages and experience levels is permitted in most areas of the park.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation now offers visitors the opportunity to experience climbing on world-class granite. The **Climbing Experience Program** is a chance for beginners to try out rock climbing in a safe setting on some of the best granite in the country. Participants will be exposed to concepts, techniques, and equipment that becomes an excellent introduction to the sport of climbing.

For more information stop by the City of Rocks Visitor Center or call 208.824.5901.

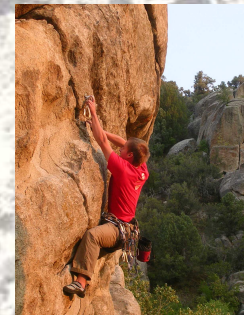


Photo by Daralene Finnell
Mountain Bluebird
 Idaho’s State Bird

Birdwatchers may view a variety of birds year-round, but best times are during the spring and fall migration. Swainson’s Hawk, Lazuli Bunting, and Spotted Towhee are a few of the birds seen. Look for the secretive Common Snipe, Greater Sage Grouse, or Sandhill Crane.

Hiking trails range from easy to strenuous. Park rangers can provide detailed information and maps regarding routes to suit your ability.